

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 4, 22, 24, 26, 32 and 34 are amended. Claims 6 and 16 are cancelled without prejudice.

2. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 6, 14 and 35, and the allowance of claim 33.

Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 6. Claim 1 should now be allowable, as well as dependent claims 2-5, and 7-21.

Claim 22 is amended to include limitations similar to those added to claim 1. Claim 22 should also be allowable as should dependent claims 23-25.

Claim 26 is amended to include features similar to those included in claim 1. Claim 26 should also be allowable as should dependent claims 27-31.

Claim 32 is amended to include features similar to those included in claim 1 and should now be allowable.

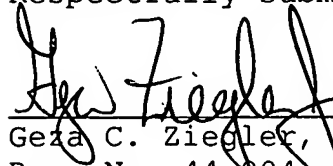
Claim 34 is amended to include features similar to those included in claim 1. Claim 34 and dependent claim 35 should now be allowable.

3. An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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